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MISS IVETTE ALFONSO

MISS IVETTE ALFONSO'S career in education started shortly after graduating from New York University in 1973 where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature. She continued her education earning an M.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education from Bank Street College of Education and went on to earn a Bilingual Education Endorsement and a Supervision and Administration Degree from Seton Hall University.

IVETTE presently is a member of the Newark Board of Education where she has helped develop programs for the children of Newark. Her commitment to our children goes beyond the ordinary. She has dared to meet the call of a possibility bigger than herself and has committed herself in action for the education of our children.



In her professional life Ivette directs the Office of Educational Opportunity Fund Programs at Essex County College. She has also occupied positions as Program Specialist for the Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey, Director and Head Teacher of Familias Unidas del Norte Day Care Center of Newark and Research Assistant for the Center of Applied Linguistics in Arlington, Virginia.

She has been the recipient of awards such as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Award for High Academic Standing, the Carey Teachers Leadership Training Fellowship - awarded to educators pursuing postgraduate work in bilingual teacher training among others.

As a friend Ivette is a sincere, unselfish individual who gives without reservation. She has a gentle and delightful sense of humor which stands her in good stead with her old friends as well as people she has just met.

MISS IRIS MARTINEZ - ARROYO



Miss Iris Martinez - Arroyo was born and raised in Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico where she pursued elementary and secondary education. She earned a degree from the Catholic University of Puerto Rico in Ponce where she majored in languages and education. She holds two masters degrees in Teaching English as a Second Language and Educational Administration and Supervision from New York University. At present she is working on her doctoral dissertation at New York University.

She worked for the Department of Public Instruction in Puerto Rico.

Since 1982 when she came to New Jersey, after working for a number of years at the State of New York University, she has directed the Office of Bilingual Education for the Newark Board of Education. Under her leadership, the first full fledged bilingual special education program has been successfully implemented.

Miss Martinez - Arroyo has been recognized statewide as an advocate of the rights of limited English proficient Students in New Jersey. Last year she took an active role as chairperson of the Statewide Educational Task Force for the Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey in drafting along with a group of concerned citizens, the Congress Position Paper against Commissioner Cooperman's proposed amendment to the New Jersey Administrative Code in Bilingual Education, addressing community organizations on the issue, testifying in Trenton and providing the office of the Public Advocate in Trenton with pertinent information and advice on the issue.

Miss Martinez - Arroyo has been the recipient of numerous awards among them the 1976 Bicentennial Outstanding Citizen Award, "El Sol de Jayuya" awarded for excellence in education by the Puerto Rican Statewide Parade, "EL CEMI" awarded by the Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey, "Outstanding Woman of the Antilles" awarded by Instituto Chirico Cultural de las Antillas. She has also received citations and other plaques and recognitions.

Miss Martinez belongs to numerous civic, educational and cultural organizations. Most recently she has been appointed by Mayor Sharpe James to the Mayor's Task Force on the Performing Arts Center for the City of Newark.

MRS. ROSA GUTIERREZ

Mrs. Rosa Gutiérrez was born in the beautiful town of Aibonito, Puerto Rico. Rosa is the youngest of eleven children, seven sisters and four brothers. Through great sacrifice Mr. Máximo Gutiérrez and Mrs. Carmen Miranda de Gutiérrez helped send their children to school and always encouraged them and gave them their love and support. Mrs. Gutiérrez states that her parents instilled in her determination to keep going even when times were bad.

She graduated from the Aibonito High School and went on to work immediately as a teacher due to an educational crisis because of a lack of elementary teachers.

In 1964 she earned a B.A. Degree from the Inter - American University of Puerto Rico and immediately after she traveled to the United States where she continued studying and at the same time worked as an elementary school teacher in Hoboken.



In 1967 she went back to Puerto Rico to further her studies and obtained a master degree in Administration and Supervision from the Inter - American University of Puerto Rico.

She came back to the United States in 1970 and took up residence in Newark, New Jersey where she has occupied the positions of Bilingual Teacher, Bilingual Coordinator, Director of the Bilingual Education Department and Vice - Principal.

After working long hours at Roberto Clemente School, Mrs. Gutiérrez dedicates her time to raise her two nieces, Carmencita and María and to do volunteer work for PACTO an organization of volunteer parents helping other parents to improve themselves so they can impact their children's education.

Mrs. Gutiérrez has been the recipient of many awards and recognitions by professional organizations as well as community organizations.

Mrs. Gutiérrez exemplifies a true heroine: "an ordinary woman who dares to see and meet the call of a possibility bigger than herself. She is fully aware of the risk and what needs to be overcome. She commits herself to action" Action for the education of our community and our children.

JANETTE COLON - JORGE



JANETTE COLON - JORGE was born in Puerto Rico and has resided in Newark, New Jersey since 1974. She became an educator in the Newark School District in 1974. A graduate of Baltimore's Loyola College, Kean College and Seton Hall University, she is now one of the coordinators for the Adult Education Program offered by Newark's Board of Education. Ms. Colón - Jorge actively contributes to her profession and her community. She was elected Vice President of the Newark Teachers Union in 1982 and is Vice - President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement of the AFL-CIO. She serves on the Board of the Puerto Rican Educators, and F.O.C.U.S.. She

was honored by Essex County Executive, Peter Shapiro, with the Volunteer Award in 1982. During Women's History Week 1986, she was honored by the Division of Women, and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the outstanding contribution to her community, profession and to the labor movement.

As a Coordinator of the Adult Education Program, she has concentrated her efforts on the recruitment of urban youth drop-outs and community members in general. One of her main goal is to make her point come across that "An educated community is comprised of conscientious citizens who therefore are responsible voters". With this in mind, she is meeting with senior citizens, clergymen, small business, union leaders, and community organizations as part of a massive recruitment.

As an activist in the Newark Teachers Union, she has been involved in contract negotiations, and has participated in many labor and educational conferences raising issues that pertain to all. Always willing and able to represent the Hispanics in the Labor Movement, she has gained the respect and confidence of many. She has spoken on behalf of Hispanics making sure issues are always included as part of organizations platform.

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Presentation of Honorees

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Presentation of Awards

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Mrs. Inés I. GuerreroPresident

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE



It is an honor for me to provide the Puerto Rican Educator's Association of New Jersey and being part of this dynamic organization that has been in existence for the past 17 years in the State of New Jersey and that represents the Puerto Rican Educators of the State.

PREA OF NEW JERSEY has evolved from a small group of Newark educators concerned about the needs of the new concept of the 70's Bilingual Education to a Statewide force that stands for a commitment for excellence in education for all students in the State of New Jersey.

This year as our organization celebrates the Puerto Rican Discovery Day we take pride in recognizing five Puerto Rican Women whose commitments to education in our city, our county and our state, have transcended the ordinary. These women have dared to see and meet the call of a possibility unimaginable to them and, totally aware of the circumstances and the difficulties, have taken on the risk of what needed to be overcome. These women have committed themselves in action for the education of their colleagues and their communities.

The tremendous success exhibits by **PREA OF NEW JERSEY** during the past decade rests in the quality of heroes that is possessed by its members.

TODAY as we celebrate **PUERTO RICO DISCOVERY DAY** and recognize these fine educators let us seize this moment in time to build upon our commitments to education, and let us declare ourselves heroes in launching the creation of a new era for the education of our children.

Educationally,
Ines L. Guerrero
President

LUZ PALMIRA ROSARIO

LUZ PALMIRA ROSARIO was born and raised in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico where she attended public schools and graduated from Felipe Cohen Diaz High School. Mrs. Rosario holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish literature and education from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York and a Master Degree in Bilingual Education and Urban Education from Long Island University in New York. At present she attends Kean College in Union, New Jersey where she is working towards a second Masters Degree in Supervision and Administration.

Mrs. Rosario is well known by her constant involvement and leadership. She was president of the Parent Teacher association of the Roberto Clemente Day Care Center in Elizabeth, was



elected President of the La Casa Puerto Rico of Elizabeth, President of the Democratic Latin Union of Union County in 1983, elected secretary of the Mercy College Student Government Association for 1977-78 on that same year she was elected Mrs. Mercy College by the Latin American Student Association coordinated for four years the Puerto Rican Statewide Parade Beauty Pageant, has been active involved with the Hispanic American Parade of New Jersey, and the Second Festival of the Ecuadorian Song held in the City of Newark, New Jersey. She is an active member of the Heritage Ball Annual Festival of New Jersey and in 1985 Honorable Governor Thomas Keane appointed her as representative of the Puerto Rican Community to the Governor Ethnic Advisory Council of the State of New Jersey and reappointed for a second term in 1987. She is also co-founder and secretary of cultural affair of the Civic and Cultural Institute of the Americas in Union City; secretary and member of the Board of Directors of PROCEED a community based organization from 1980-1983. In 1980 she was also appointed as a member of Mayor Sarno's Advisory Council for Community Development in Elizabeth. At present she is secretary of the Puerto Rican Educators Association of New Jersey, Inc. and chairperson of the Educational Committee of the Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey.

She has received numerous awards and plaques not only for the civic and community involvement but also for her dedication to the development of the Hispanic students as a bilingual teacher at Dr. William H. Horton in Newark.

She is loving mother of John, Accountant, Caroline, nursing student, and Paul and David elementary school students.

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